

## RAILWAY PAY WEST HIGHER THAN IN EAST

Wages Advance Faster  
Than Cost of Living,  
Statistics Show

### COMPARISON IS MADE

Ray Vance, Formerly of Bureau  
of Economics, and W. S.  
Carter Spar.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 16.—A statistical exhibit to show that the wages of railroad men have advanced faster than wages in other skilled occupations, was presented to the western wage arbitration board today by Ray Vance, at one time associated with the bureau of railroad economics.

The averages of pay for engineers and firemen were questioned by W. S. Carter, for the firemen, who, during the cross questions, emphasized the point that Mr. Vance had based his tables upon figures presented to the interstate commerce commission by the western railroads, which, Mr. Carter said, were inaccurate. The exhibit indicated that since 1910, when the men received a 10 per cent increase in wages, their salaries have advanced more rapidly than has their outlay of the support of their families.

"In the western territory," said Mr. Vance, "the average daily pay of engineers increased 11.3 per cent and of firemen 11.4 from 1910 to 1912. The average weekly rates in the bricklayers, plasterers, carpenters and plumbers and machinists and molders increased less than 5 per cent and the painters increased less than 7 per cent."

"As against the increase of 11.3 and 11.4 per cent in wages, the average expenditure for food and rent in this western territory increased only 3.3 per cent."

### Comparison of Unemployment.

Unemployment in the railway service is far below that in the building trades, according to Mr. Vance's tables. "In the building trades," he said, "unemployment in the western territory is 10.1, while for the four classes of railway trainmen it is only 4.3 per cent. In both east and west unemployment in the building trades is from two to three times as high as in the several classes of railway work. "Although the wages in the west generally are higher than in the east, the cost of food, rent, fuel and light, which absorbs two-thirds of the annual expenditures of the workingman is slightly less in the west than in the east."

Cross-examination of Mr. Vance was by Mr. Carter. "The railways have acknowledged making incorrect reports," said Carter in response to a question by H. E. Byram, one of the railroad arbitrators. "There was a general go-as-you-please method and the railroads submitted statistics on the number of their employees at the end of June each year and average daily wage of each employee."

"We held that this method was faulty because the working force of the railroads change from time to time and if it happened to be extremely large or comparatively small at the time the reports were sent in, and the daily wage figures incorrect, the whole fabric would be affected and therefore worthless for computation purposes."

Mr. Vance admitted in response to questions that if his basic figures as to compensation were inaccurate the rest of the tables would be affected.

## DIPLOMATS PLAN TO QUIT MEXICO

SAY SITUATION MAY SOON WARRANT THEIR RETURNING TO HOME COUNTRIES.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—All diplomatic representatives in Mexico City have asked their home governments for authority to abandon their legations if the situation warrants. Attaches of the United States, lately attached to the Brazilian legation, will leave if the other diplomatic representatives depart.

Confirmatory dispatches telling of the capture of Guadalajara by the Villa forces and a steady movement toward Mexico City have been received here.

The United States, the president said, had received no confirmation of reports that Spain had addressed the powers on restoring order in Mexico. Wilson told callers there had been no material change in the Mexican situation.

## CAN YOU BEAT IT?



## HOUSE HEARS OF WASTAGE CHARGE

TAVERNER PRESENTS ALLEGATIONS OF MILLIONS EXTORTED BY TRUST.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—Charges that an American war munitions ring has extorted between \$35,000,000 and \$105,000,000 in illegitimate contract profits from the United States government in the last 20 years and that army and navy officials are closely connected with the favored concerns, were submitted to the house yesterday by Representative Tavenner of Illinois.

Mr. Tavenner, who alleges that tremendous pressure was exerted to prevent him from exposing the scandal, is confident that his statements will produce a congressional investigation either at the instance of the house or of the war and navy officials assailed. The assertions of Mr. Tavenner lend color to the recent admissions of military officials that the elimination of the political "pork barrel" from appropriations and of wasteful administration generally would permit the republic to maintain a much larger and more efficient navy and an army twice the present strength upon the \$250,000,000 annually expended on national defense. Mr. Tavenner urged congress to "take the profit out of war" and authorize government manufacture of all army and navy equipment.

Details of Congressman Tavenner's charges are given in a series of special articles now being printed in The Argus.

## JUDGE HENRY CALDWELL IS DEAD IN CALIFORNIA

Ottumwa, Iowa, Feb. 16.—Judge Henry Clay Caldwell, well known Iowa man, is dead at Los Angeles, Cal. He was appointed a federal district judge by Lincoln and served nearly forty years.

Dr. H. B. Carriel Quits Post.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 16.—Differences with the state board of administration over the length of time state employees should be compelled to work led to the resignation yesterday of Dr. H. B. Carriel, for 15 years superintendent of the Jacksonville state hospital. Governor Dunne appointed Dr. E. L. Hill of Red Bud to the vacancy.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Fair tonight and Wednesday. Rising temperature, with the lowest tonight about 25 degrees. Temperature at 7 a. m., 20. Highest yesterday, 34. Lowest last night, 20. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 4 miles per hour. Precipitation, none. Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 52; at 7 a. m., 88. Stage of water, 7.1; a rise of 1.1 in last 24 hours. J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

## ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mercury, Mars, Saturn, Jupiter. Morning star: Venus. About 8 p. m. constellation Cassiopeia sits athwart the Milky way, due north west.

## The War Today

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Reports from the Pester Lloyd of Budapest say the Austro-Hungarians everywhere were successful in the offensive in Dukla pass the past few days and that at least 50,000 men had been killed and wounded. In a single attack on the Russian left 1,200 dead were left on the field.

Germans have captured the important Polish town of Plock, Berlin announces. Plock is on the Vistula northwest of Warsaw and the Russians had pushed their advance far beyond it in their movement against the west Prussian border, which apparently has now been ended. The town of Bielak is also reported lost by the Russians. The German advance in east Prussia continues. The Russians have been pursued across the border.

General offensive of the Teutonic allies along the east front continues successfully on both flanks, according to reports reaching London. But without a visible forward movement on the front toward Warsaw or in the Carpathians. Petrograd admits the Austrians are still advancing in Bukovina in considerable force and that desperate fighting marks operations in the passes of the Carpathians, where the Russians claim minor successes and capture of men and munitions. In East Prussia, the Russians have not regained their fortified lines and the German advance, while unchecked, is proceeding at less speed.

Paris reports allies' guns have silenced batteries northeast of Ypres and destroyed German trenches at Beaurains.

A note from the German chancellor to the Rotterdam chamber of commerce says: "In most cases German submarines will be unable to distinguish between neutral and British vessels in the war zone and all merchantmen must run the risk of destruction."

Albanian forces which invaded Serbia are reported driven back across the border.

French newspapers commend the attitude of the United States concerning the new German war zone in the British Isles. They say it is the first step toward "inevitable participation of neutrals in the great events which are dividing the world."

## FORMER MAYOR LAMBERT IS ACQUITTED BY JURY

East St. Louis, Ill., Feb. 16.—Former Mayor Charles Lambert, former Comptroller Rodenburger and Gerold and three other former officials of East St. Louis were acquitted today by a jury of charges involving misappropriation of \$100,000 city funds.

## MRS. HARRISON ON STUMP FOR VOTES

ADDRESSES CHICAGO MEETINGS FILLING PLACE OF HUSBAND, WHO IS ILL.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 16.—Mrs. Carter H. Harrison, wife of Mayor Harrison, took her husband's place on the stump today and addressed several meetings of workers urging them to vote for her husband and nominate him Tuesday as the democratic candidate for mayor. Mayor Harrison is ill.

## LICENSE TO WED ISSUED DARNELL

ROSTERED KENOSHA PASTOR ANNOUNCES CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE IN WHITING.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 16.—James M. Darnell, former pastor of a Kenosha, Wis., church, and a man of many matrimonial adventures, was taken in custody here today on a charge he violated the Mann white slave act.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 16.—Rev. James Morrison Darnell added another chapter to his matrimonial history yesterday when he took out a marriage license in Crown Point, Ind., to marry Ruth Soper, daughter of an Owatonna, Minn., publisher and mother of his 4-year-old son.

He said they would be married in Whiting, Ind. It was the second license the clergyman, whose escapades with women caused him to resign as pastor of the Kenosha Unitarian church and flee the city in the early hours of the morning, had taken out to marry Miss Soper. The first he obtained on Oct. 2, 1913, when he claimed he married her in Hammond. The marriage was not recorded.

Previously he had taken out a license in Chicago to wed Miss Ethel Spurgeon of Avon, Ill. Although he lived with her for some time, no legal marriage ceremony was performed. After he accepted the call to the Kenosha church Miss Soper joined him and was introduced as his wife.

Meantime he slipped away from Chicago and married Miss Doris Vaughn of 4301 Oakwood avenue. Then he returned to Kenosha. The expose followed a few days afterward.

Doris Vaughn-Darnell, the 18-year-old former wife of the clergyman, who obtained a divorce on Jan. 19, at the same time being granted an injunction restraining him from annoying her, was informed of the latest development in Darnell's marital affairs.

"I'm glad," she said. Then she laughed.

"Do you wish them joy?" "Well, just say I'm glad. I won't tell why," was her answer.

Richard J. Cooney, attorney for Darnell, was surprised when told of the latest license. "I haven't heard anything of Darnell in a week," he said. "There isn't any legal barrier to the marriage so far as I know. He didn't marry his first wife and has a divorce from his second," so he is free to marry outside of Illinois. Of course, the one-year rule is broken, but outside of Illinois he is legally married.

"I hope he settles down and does the right thing by his wife and son."

## HORRORS OF THE DAMNED OATH TAKEN BY PLUMBERS

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 16.—An oath of allegiance to the National Association of Master Plumbers of America, containing the sentence "May all the horrors of the damned be my portion when I retire at night" was declared by Joseph Hagen of Sioux City to have once received his signature. In his testimony at the trial of the 36 master plumbers, charged with violation of the Sherman law, in the United States district court here. He was to suffer "the horrors of the damned" in case he violated the rules of the organization, the witness said. Each member, he testified, was sworn to the utmost secrecy.

## BLOCKADE ON GERMAN FOOD NOW IN FORCE

Paris Says That English  
Proclamation May Be  
Issued Today

### IS RETALIATORY MOVE

Number American Ships Due in  
British Waters Feb. 18,  
War Zone Date.

Paris, Feb. 16.—Prohibition against foodstuffs destined for Germany will be formally proclaimed by Great Britain tonight or tomorrow, according to present expectations, and the government's retaliatory measures against the threatened German submarine "blockade" will go into immediate effect.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—The full text of Great Britain's supplementary reply to the American note concerning interference with United States commerce was laid before the president today. It makes 7,000 words. Arrangements are making for simultaneous publication in London and Washington.

Germany's intention of sowing mines in the water around the British Isles as a part of her submarine warfare against belligerent ships was announced in the note delivered to the state department yesterday by Count von Bernstorff.

Rotterdam, Feb. 16.—A Berlin dispatch says Germany will today send to Washington its reply to the American note on American shipping in the war zone in British waters.

### Gerard Confident of Solution.

Berlin, Feb. 16.—The Lokal Anzeiger publishes an interview with the American ambassador to Germany, in which he says: "I regard the relations today between our two countries calmly with confidence and believe pending questions will be solved in a manner mutually satisfactory. The public in the United States, as well as in Germany, should await developments quietly."

### American Steamers Near Zone.

New York, Feb. 16.—Five passenger and 22 freight vessels which cleared from New York in the last two weeks are due to be within the war zone declared by Germany around Great Britain on and after Feb. 18, the day set to establish the zone. Four of the ships are American owned and fly the American flag. One of these, the Philadelphia, carries passengers. Boston, Mass., Feb. 16.—Six British steamers which sailed from here in the past fortnight are not due to reach their destinations in England and Scotland before Feb. 18, the day set for establishment by Germany of a war zone.

### Says Italy Will Soon Mobilize.

London, Feb. 16.—Prophecy that Italy would mobilize her army in a fortnight was made here today by Riccardo Garibaldi, an Italian patriot. He said unless Italy decided to participate in the war there would be a revolution.

### Iowa Graft Committee Reports.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 16.—Ten employees will be eliminated, three will be switched from the pay rolls of the legislature to those of the state, and a plan will be devised whereby the number of committee clerks in the senate can be reduced from 50 to 25, senate can be reduced from the senate "graft" committee, which reported to that body today, is carried out.

### New Jersey to Vote on Suffrage.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 16.—The senate today passed the woman suffrage amendment to the state constitution. It had already passed the house. The question will be submitted to the voters in September next.

### Trial of Thaw Begins March 1.

New York, Feb. 16.—The trial of Harry Thaw, charged with conspiracy in escaping from Matteawan, has been set for March 1. It had been set for Feb. 23.

## BOMB THROWN ON BALL-TWO KILLED

REPORTED SHOCK FOR THE EXCLUSIVE SOCIETY OF THE BULGARIAN CAPITAL.

Berlin, Feb. 16.—A dispatch from Sofia says a bomb exploded last night at a masked ball attended by the most exclusive society of the Bulgarian capital. It is reported a daughter of the present war minister and a son of the former minister were killed and 10 others injured.

## HOUSE DEBATING ON SHIP MEASURE

SIX HOURS ALLOWED FOR DISCUSSION AND GAG RULE IS ALLEGED.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—The president's fight for the ship bill was launched in the house today with a special rule to limit debate to six hours. Meanwhile the senate marked time. The special committee appointed to investigate "any lobby" in connection with the ship bill held a preliminary organization meeting. The president, after a conference with leaders, came to no decision on the question of an extra session and only sent word he would press the fight in the 14 days remaining for the present congress. The president told callers he believed in a reasonable closure rule in the senate which would stop obstructive tactics, but not cut off fair debate.

Senator Kern, after a conference with the president, intimated the democrats had definite plans for getting the bill through the senate, but refused to reveal details.

After a preliminary debate republicans buried charges of "gag" rule. A special rule was adopted by the house, 186 to 129, and the house settled down to six hours of speech making.

Proposals to limit the debate in the senate by a general or special closure rule reversing the custom of more than a century, took the whole time of the senate debate today.

## FIGHT BEGUN TO SAVE DOUGHERTY

CASE OF FORMER PEORIA SCHOOL HEAD BEFORE THE STATE PARDON BOARD.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 16.—A fight to save Newton C. Dougherty, former superintendent of public schools of Peoria, from a second term in prison was begun yesterday before the state board of pardons at Joliet. Mr. Dougherty, who now resides in Chicago, recently turned over to the Peoria school board securities worth \$250,000 to cover his embezzlements of public money.

Dougherty was imprisoned for more than seven years. Before pleading guilty he conveyed to a trustee securities amounting to \$37,500, the amount of his delinquency. He was paroled and later pardoned. At the time he was paroled Mrs. Dougherty had turned over the \$37,500, but the former superintendent sought to recover some of the property through the civil courts.

Another criminal prosecution was started against him, he was convicted, and the sentence affirmed by the supreme court. Dougherty withdrew the civil suits and turned over property worth \$250,000.

The application for a pardon was filed by Attorney Clarence Darrow, who based his arguments on the ground that Dougherty already has paid the penalty for anything of which he might have been guilty. Joseph Hill, who aided in presenting the case to the board, charged the members of the Peoria school board with acting in bad faith in having wanted further prosecution.

He said at the time Mrs. Dougherty turned over securities worth about \$37,500 the members of the board agreed not to prosecute further. He pointed out that the former superintendent had turned back securities many times over and above the amounts he embezzled.

Further arguments will be heard today and it is believed an adjournment then will be taken to Springfield, where the board will present its report to Governor Dugne.

## DES MOINES BARS CLOSE; HOMES GET SURPLUS SUGAR

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 16.—True to their word to the mayor, the 85 saloonkeepers of Des Moines closed their places of business last night. All day, however, wagons and trucks were busy throughout the city in delivering liquor to homes.

A local brewing company, which discontinued business, employed 36 teams in delivering beer around town. The remainder of the stock was packed and loaded on a Rock Island train for shipment to Rock Island, Ill., where the company plans to continue a wholesale trade.

There was little disorder during the last day given to the saloons to operate and when night came the number of intoxicated men on the streets appeared not greater than ordinarily.

The first saloon to close its doors at 4:20 o'clock in the afternoon. The manager said not one drop of liquor was left in the place. During the last few minutes he held an auction of glasses, shakers and other paraphernalia.

Licenses have been paid by the saloon men until Friday, and they will be allowed until then to pack and prepare their stocks for shipment, and also to sell what they can by wholesale. No more legalized selling of liquor over the bar will be experienced at least for some time in Des Moines it is expected. The case in court to test the validity of the petition of consent under which the wets were operating was dropped by them during the day.

## GAVEL GIVEN SHANAHAN ON 68TH BALLOT

Deadlock in Illinois House  
Is Broken After a  
Long Battle

### BEEN ON OVER MONTH

Chicago Member, a Republican  
"Wet," Finally Induced  
to Take Post.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 16.—David Shanahan of Chicago, a "wet" republican, was elected speaker of the Illinois house of representatives today.

Shanahan was elected on the 68th ballot, the second today. His election broke an organization deadlock which existed in the house since the legislature convened, Jan. 6.

Shanahan received 80 votes, three more than the constitutional majority necessary to elect. Browne democrats voted solidly for him and before the middle of the roll call had been reached administration democrats gave him their support. All 17 "wet" republicans and a number of republicans who last week supported William Graham, voted for him. Shanahan is one of the oldest members of the house.

It was several minutes before it was known whether Shanahan would accept the speakership on a bi-partisan vote, as he had declared last week he would only accept the speakership on a straight republican vote.

Walter Provins, who resigned as caucus nominee, escorted Shanahan to the speaker's chair and Secretary of State Stevenson asked the speaker-elect if he was ready to take the oath.

"Before I take the oath of office," began Shanahan, addressing the house. "I want to know if there is any member of this house who has heard me make any promise to any one as to what I would do if elected speaker, or if there is any member who has heard of my making any promise, implied or otherwise, to anybody. If there is such a man in the house I want him to speak now."

There was only silence from the house.

"I am ready to take the oath, Mr. Secretary," said Shanahan. Stevenson then administered the oath.

Thomas Campbell and William J. Graham, republicans, voted for Shortt, left, and William Maucker, democrat, voted for Shanahan.

After Stevenson had administered the oath, Speaker Shanahan addressed the house, declaring he still believed the house should have organized by a majority alone, but since adjournment last week he had consulted leaders on both sides of the house, party leaders of both parties throughout the state, leading jurists and editors, and they had unanimously advised him it was his duty to accept the speakership.

B. H. McCann of McLean county was elected temporary clerk of the house. The house adjourned at 1:50 p. m. until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning when it was announced members would draw the seats which they are to occupy.

### Deaf May See Sounds.

Bombay, India, Feb. 16.—The phonoscope, an instrument enabling the deaf to see sounds such as made by music and speech, has been invented by Professor Albe of Lahore.

### On Trial for Treason.

Bloemfontein, Feb. 16.—Trial of General De Wet and other leaders of the South African rebellion against Great Britain, charged with treason, began today.

## BIG ARMY ORDER REFUSED IN EAST

PITTSBURGH STEEL CONCERN DECLINES TO BID ON AN ENGLISH CONTRACT.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 16.—Because of "humanitarian reasons" the Electro Steel company has refused to bid on a contract to furnish part of 1,000,000 drop forge shells valued at \$4,000,000, wanted by the British government. The value of the contract offered the company was estimated at \$450,000.

### Vote Fraud Cases Postponed.

Pikeville, Ky., Feb. 16.—Trials of the remainder of the men against whom indictments were found on the charge of selling votes were postponed yesterday to March 1.